

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 514

By Herron

A RESOLUTION recognizing the Greenfield 12 and Under
Baseball All-Stars for winning the Cal Ripken
State Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those exemplary athletes and athletic teams who have attained the ultimate laurel in sporting competition, namely a state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Greenfield 12 and Under Baseball All-Stars have persevered through inclement weather, unfamiliar playing conditions, and tough competition to claim the Cal Ripken State Championship in their age division; and

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2005, the Greenfield All-Stars faced the undefeated Smokey Mountain team from Johnson City in a double-elimination format for the Cal Ripken 12 and Under State Baseball Championship; and

WHEREAS, after suffering a heartbreaking loss in the first round of the state tourney, the Greenfield All-Stars rebounded to sweep through the losers' bracket with consecutive victories over Newbern (12-1), Trenton (5-1), Warren County (10-3), and Franklin (5-4), thus avenging their sole loss; and

WHEREAS, in their first tilt with the Smokey Mountain squad, Greenfield utilized the pitching magic of dynamic duo Heath Crouse and Dalton Potts to hold their opponents to only 2 runs on 10 hits; the Greenfield offense lambasted the East Tennessee team's pitching to claim a 14-2 victory, which saw the imposition of the mercy rule; and

WHEREAS, in the final game for all the marbles, the Greenfield All-Stars were once again dominant; fireballing Logan Hampton and the resilient Dalton Potts allowed only 4 runs on

7 hits, while their teammates rattled their bats early and often to once again "mercy" their opponents in a 15-4 rout; and

WHEREAS, by winning the Cal Ripken State Championship crown, the Greenfield Nine earned a berth in the Southeast regional tourney in Herdon, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Greenfield All-Stars most definitely qualify as a dynasty, as they have now won their third state championship in six years and earned their second trip in three years to the Southeast regional tournament; and

WHEREAS, indeed, the Greenfield All-Stars have grown accustomed to being called champions; they established their winning tradition by laying claim to the Coach Pitch State Championship in 2001, and continued their dominance on the diamond by winning the 2003 10 and Under State Championship and advancing to the Southeast regional tourney; and

WHEREAS, the singularly gifted and disciplined members of this championship squad are: Tyler Jones, Heath Crouse, Logan Hampton, Payton Page, Braxton Tucker, Adam Bethel, Dakota Bills, Jake Lasater, Matthew Fuller, Dalton Potts, Brady Medling, and Jacob Johnson; and

WHEREAS, the Greenfield All-Stars benefited greatly from the expertise, hard work, and dedication of their coaches, Randy Potts, Jeff Crouse, and Craig Medling, who taught these young men many valuable lessons about baseball and about life; and

WHEREAS, the Greenfield All-Stars displayed uncommon talent, determination, and perseverance in their quest for championship laurels, and they should be commended for attaining this lofty goal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the Greenfield All-Stars be honored and congratulated on winning the 2005 Cal Ripken 12 and Under State Baseball Championship. These outstanding young men are worthy ambassadors of the Volunteer State, and we wish them and their coaches much continued success in their future endeavors, both on and off the baseball diamond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

